GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5520
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ARMS AND AMMUNITION WITH B.S.F.
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSF is holding arms and ammunition far in excess of their authorisation;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the matter has been enquired into;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the BSF is holding stocks of old and obsolete armament and ammunitions and it is unable to dispose that of;

(f) if so, the details and quantity of obsolete armament and ammunition held by the BSF; and
(g) the measures taken by the Government to dispose that of ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e) to (g): Due to change over from 7.62mm/.303 family of weapons to 5.56mm weapon systems, certain weapons with ammunitions of the former category have become surplus to BSF. These surplus weapons and ammunitions are issued to the State Police forces on demand from time to time.